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The annual Children's Celebration of the Arts exhibit opens this weekend at two facing museums located on Main Street near Ventura Avenue. The Albinger Museum (113 E. Main Street) exhibit runs only this weekend with an opening night reception on Friday, June 6 for the young artists and their families from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. On Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm the public may also take free docent tours of the rarely open museum's historical collections. The opening weekend at the Museum of Ventura County (100 E. Main Street) has similar hours but the children's art exhibit will continue through June 29.

Every April and May since 1991 thousands of elementary school children have explored the visual, dance, music and language arts of world cultures as inspiration to create or perform their own pieces in classroom workshops led by professional artists. 2014 was a stellar year for Children's Celebration of the Arts with twelve artists leading 300 workshops reaching more than 8,000 students in all seventeen Ventura elementary schools, two private schools and the Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education.

During the annual exhibit the public may view selections of student visual artworks representing these workshops ranging from Japanese paper-cutting, brush painting, Chinese vessels, mandalas and French impressionism to Italian mosaics, Mexican tin art, Native American masks and shields, art under the microscope and sun prints.

Event sponsors are the Aloha Steak House, Anacapa Brewery Company, Busy Bee, DVO, Pizza Man Dan's, Sunflowers on the Square bakery, the Ventura Unified School District and the City of Ventura Parks Recreation & Community Partnerships Division through its Office of Cultural Affairs.

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